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Mid-December Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of December showed increases for alfalfa hay, all wheat, feed barley, beef cattle, cows, calves, potatoes, and steers and heifers. Prices decreased for all barley, malting barley, dry beans, and all milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. Producers received higher commodity prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle. Lower prices were received for lettuce, milk, oranges and onions.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, Dec. 2009-Dec. 2010

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		December 2009	November 2010	December 2010 ^{1/}	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	110.00	127.00	140.00	109.00	117.00	121.00	--
Barley, All	Bu	4.76	4.02	3.76	4.54	3.82	3.98	38
Feed	Bu	2.91	3.82	3.90	2.63	3.31	3.69	--
Malting	Bu	4.94	4.04	3.75	4.84	3.97	4.04	--
Dry Beans	Cwt	28.30	28.10	27.70	31.20	26.90	25.00	34
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt	5.90	6.65	6.90	7.47	8.06	8.52	40
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt	4.00	7.70	(D)	6.19	10.41	--	--
Processing	Cwt	7.10	5.90	(D)	8.17	6.71	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu	4.88	5.71	6.71	4.87	6.13	7.05	46
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt	72.60	84.90	89.40	78.50	94.00	97.60	38
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt	45.20	52.10	54.30	43.50	51.70	54.20	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	83.20	101.00	103.00	83.80	101.00	104.00	--
Calves	Cwt	104.00	122.00	125.00	105.00	124.00	128.00	35
Lambs	Cwt	89.00	131.00	--	98.70	142.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt	15.40	16.10	14.60	16.50	17.90	16.80	34 ^{7/}

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers & heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. D – Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010
Prices Received	135	159	160
Prices Paid	178	188	191
Ratio prices received to prices paid	76	85	84

1/Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

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Idaho Winter Wheat Seedings Up 12 Percent

Idaho's winter wheat seeded area for the 2011 crop is estimated at 840,000 acres, up 12 percent from the 750,000 acres seeded for the 2010 crop.

Nationally, winter wheat planted area for harvest in 2011 is estimated at 41.0 million acres, up 10 percent from 2010 but 5 percent below 2009. Seeding began last August and during September was slightly behind the 5-year average. During October, seeding progressed slightly ahead of the 5-year average. More acres were seeded this year due to the early row crop harvest and higher prices. The winter wheat crop condition at the end of November was rated 47 percent good to excellent compared with 63 percent the previous year. Approximate class acreage breakdowns are: Hard Red Winter, 29.6 million, up 4 percent from 2010; Soft Red Winter, 7.76 million, up 47 percent from the previous year; and White Winter, 3.66 million, up 4 percent from 2010.

December 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's December 1, 2010 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 63.3 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year's 53.7 million bushels. On-farm storage was estimated at 26.5 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year's 25.5 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 36.8 million bushels, up 30 percent from December 1, 2009. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 34.9 million bushels, down 9 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 13.5 million bushels, down 16 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 21.4 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year's 22.5 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions December 1, 2010 totaled 1.93 billion bushels, up 8 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 550 million bushels, down 2 percent from last December. Off-farm stocks, at 1.38 billion bushels, are up 13 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on December 1, 2010 totaled 181 million bushels, down 12 percent from December 1, 2009. On-farm stocks are estimated at 91.7 million bushels, 20 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 89.5 million bushels, are 3 percent below December 2009. Oats stored in all positions on December 1, 2010, totaled 101 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on December 1, 2009. Of the total stocks on hand, 34.1 million bushels are stored on farms, down 21 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 67.0 million bushels, down 1 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2010, totaled 10.0 billion bushels, down 8 percent from December 1, 2009. Of the total stocks, 6.30 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 15 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 3.74 billion bushels, are up 7 percent from a year ago. Pulse crops stored in all positions on December 1, 2010, and the change from December 1, 2009 are: dry edible peas, 8.44 million cwt, down 21 percent; lentils, 4.42 million cwt, up 66 percent; Austrian winter peas, 192,000 cwt, up 61 percent; All chickpeas, 1,053,000 cwt, up 20 percent; small chickpeas, 339,000 cwt, up 12 percent; and large chickpeas, 714,000 cwt, up 25 percent. Small chickpeas are defined as peas that will pass through a 20/64 inch round hole screen.

Idaho Dry Bean Production Up 29 Percent

Idaho's 2010 dry edible bean production totaled 2.55 million cwt, up 29 percent from last year's production of 1.98 million cwt. Planted acreage of 135,000 and harvested acreage of 134,000 increased from last year's 100,000 acres planted and 99,000 acres harvested. Average yield was 1,900 pounds per acre, down 100 pounds from the previous year.

Pinto production increased from last year and continues to account for the largest portion of Idaho's crop with 37.6 percent of Idaho's production. Chickpea (garbanzo) production increased sharply from last year and accounts for 25.8 percent of the total. The majority of chickpea production is the large type. Pink production increased from last year to account for 8.7 percent of Idaho's production. Small Red production accounts for 8.6 percent. Navy production accounts for 5.2 percent of production. Black production accounts for 4.3 percent of Idaho's production, and Great Northern production accounts for 3.6 percent. Dark red kidneys, light red kidneys, cranberries, small whites, and other classes made up the remaining dry edible bean production in Idaho. Of the eleven classes of dry edible beans estimated for Idaho during 2010, seven classes (pinto, all chickpea, pink, small red, navy, black, and dark red kidney) posted production gains from last year, while Great Northerns, light red kidneys, cranberries, and small whites decreased production from last year.

Nationally, United States dry edible bean production is estimated at 31.8 million cwt for 2010, up 25 percent from 2009. Planted area is estimated at 1.91 million acres, up 24 percent from last year. Harvested area is estimated at 1.84 million acres, 26 percent above the previous year. The average United States yield is estimated at 1,726 pounds per acre, a decrease of 11 pounds from 2009. Production is estimated to be higher in 14 of the 18 States in the dry bean program in 2010. The top five producing States all showed increased production from last season.

All Dry Beans: Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2009 – 2010 ^{1/}

State	Planted		Harvested		Yield ^{2/}		Production ^{2/}	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
California	71.0	63.5	69.0	63.0	2,280	2,320	1,575	1,462
Colorado	57.0	70.0	53.0	66.0	1,600	1,900	848	1,254
Idaho	100.0	135.0	99.0	134.0	2,000	1,900	1,980	2,546
Michigan	200.0	236.0	195.0	235.0	1,800	1,800	3,510	4,230
Minnesota	150.0	185.0	140.0	175.0	1,800	1,750	2,520	3,062
Nebraska	130.0	170.0	115.0	155.0	2,140	2,060	2,461	3,193
North Dakota	610.0	800.0	580.0	770.0	1,470	1,490	8,526	11,473
Oregon	6.4	7.1	6.3	6.9	2,330	2,160	147	149
Washington	60.0	86.0	60.0	86.0	1,900	1,600	1,140	1,376
U.S. Total	1,540.0	1,911.4	1,464.0	1,842.7	1,737	1,726	25,427	31,801

1/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. 2/ Clean basis.

U.S. Dairy Products November 2010 Highlight

Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 890 million pounds, 6.0 percent above November 2009 but 0.3 percent below October 2010.

Italian type cheese production totaled 381 million pounds, 6.1 percent above November 2009 and 3.1 percent above October 2010.

American type cheese production totaled 350 million pounds, 5.6 percent above November 2009 but 3.5 percent below October 2010.

Butter production was 133 million pounds, 9.8 percent above November 2009 and 9.2 percent above October 2010.

Dry milk powders (comparisons with November 2009)
Nonfat dry milk, human - 115 million pounds, up 13.0

percent. Skim milk powders - 16.3 million pounds, down 13.8 percent.

Whey products (comparisons with November 2009)

Dry whey, total - 80.0 million pounds, up 0.8 percent.

Lactose, human and animal - 74.2 million pounds, up 19.8 percent.

Whey protein concentrate, total - 34.6 million pounds, up 1.6 percent.

Frozen products (comparisons with November 2009)

Ice cream, regular (hard) - 51.9 million gallons, down 2.2 percent.

Ice cream, lowfat (total) - 25.3 million gallons, up 6.2 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 2.69 million gallons, up 4.7 percent.

Frozen yogurt (total) - 4.01 million gallons, down 13.7 percent.

Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S., 2009-2010

State	Area Harvested ^{1/}		Unit	Yield		Production	
	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010
IDAHO	<i>Thousand Acres</i>					<i>Thousands</i>	
All Hay	1,510	1,470	Tons	3.66	3.71	5,528	5,460
Alfalfa Hay	1,140	1,130	Tons	4.20	4.20	4,788	4,746
All Haylage and Greenchop	80	95	Tons	10.04	10.66	803	1,013
Canola	14.5	18.4	Lbs	1,700	1,800	24,650	33,120
Corn for Grain	80	110	Bu.	180.0	180.0	14,400	19,800
Corn for Silage	215	205	Tons	27.5	25.0	5,913	5,125
All Wheat	1,250	1,345	Bu.	79.3	79.9	99,130	107,410
Winter Wheat	700	710	Bu.	81.0	82.0	56,700	58,220
Spring Wheat	530	615	Bu.	77.0	78.0	40,810	47,970
Durum Wheat	20	20	Bu.	81.0	61.0	1,620	1,220
Barley	510	470	Bu.	95.0	92.0	48,450	43,240
Oats	25	20	Bu.	78.0	84.0	1,950	1,680
Potatoes	319	294	Cwt	415	389	132,500	114,440
Sugarbeets	163	170	Tons	34.3	31.0	5,591	5,270
Dry Beans ^{2/}	99	134	Cwt	2,000	1,900	1,980	2,546
Dry Edible Peas ^{2/}	41	30	Cwt	1,900	1,600	779	480
Austrian Winter Peas ^{2/}	6	9	Cwt	1,600	1,100	96	99
Lentils ^{2/}	52	54	Cwt	1,250	950	650	513
Hops	4.03	2.33	Lbs	1,943	2,129	7.83	4.96
UNITED STATES							
All Hay	59,775	59,862	Tons	2.47	2.43	147,700	145,556
Alfalfa Hay	21,247	19,956	Tons	3.35	3.40	71,072	67,903
All Haylage and Greenchop	4,492	4,476	Tons	7.02	7.54	31,518	33,755
Canola	814.0	1,431	Lbs	1,811	1,713	1,474,130	2,450,947
Corn for Grain	79,490	81,446	Bu.	164.7	152.8	13,091,862	12,446,865
Corn for Silage	5,605	5,567	Tons	19.3	19.3	108,209	107,314
All Wheat	49,893	47,637	Bu.	44.5	46.4	2,218,061	2,208,391
Winter Wheat	34,510	31,749	Bu.	44.2	46.8	1,524,608	1,485,236
Spring Wheat	12,955	13,359	Bu.	45.1	46.1	584,411	615,975
Durum Wheat	2,428	2,529	Bu.	44.9	42.4	109,042	107,180
Barley	3,113	2,465	Bu.	73.0	73.1	227,323	180,268
Oats	1,379	1,263	Bu.	67.5	64.3	93,081	81,190
Potatoes	1,041.3	1,004.3	Cwt	414	395	431,318	397,077
Sugarbeets	1,148.5	1,155.7	Tons	25.9	27.6	29,783	31,945
Dry Beans ^{2/}	1,464.0	1,842.7	Cwt	1,737	1,726	25,427	31,801
Dry Edible Peas ^{2/}	837.9	711.4	Cwt	2,045	1,999	17,137	14,221
Austrian Winter Peas ^{2/}	13.7	17.9	Cwt	1,328	1,666	182	237
Lentils ^{2/}	406	634	Cwt	1,440	1,365	5,844	8,657
Hops	39.7	31.3	Lbs	2,383	2,093	94.7	65.5

1/ Harvested for principal use of each crop, i.e., beans, dry hay, etc. 2/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt.